

LIFE IN WASHINGTON.

Mr. R. W. Thompson Presents in Serio-Comic Style a Series of Pen Pictures Illustrative of America's Modern Cosmopolis.

At the 15 h Street Street Presbyterian church, Tuesday evening, May 18, Bethel Literary and Historical Association took a step out of the usual



path of didactic productions and placed before its patrons, through Mr. R. W. Thompson, of The Colored American, a series of pen pictures of the kaleidoscopic, social, business, educational and political conditions found in the nation's capital, under the title "Phases of Washington Life." Our peculiar social atmosphere, cosmopolitan population and strenuous activities were carefully analyzed and the sketches of familiar characters in the official and private life, were treated in a serio-comic vein, and easily recognizable. The speaker was frequently and vigorously applauded, and the audience gave evidence of hearty enjoyment. A sparkling discussion followed, all highly complimenting Mr. Thompson's paper and emphasizing the points set forth as pertinent and valuable. Those who spoke were Hon. John C. Daney, Judge R. H. Terrell, U. S. S. amp Agent John P. Green, Mrs. Ida D. Bailey, Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Rev. S. Geriah Lamkin, Robert Pelham, Jr., T. W. Allen, Prof. Kelly Miller, H. P. Slaughter and Mrs. Daniel Murray. Among others present were Mrs. Helen A. Cook, Mrs. Maria L. Jordan, W. L. Houston, L. M. Hershaw and Prof. Jesse Lawson. Prof. F. L. Cardozo presided and Miss Ella M. Boston acted as secretary.

It is understood that Mr. Thompson has agreed to a proposition to rewrite, and amplify his "Phases of Washington Life" and publish the article in book form, illustrated by appropriate designs.

Dinner to the Winners.

The popular catering firm, Gaskins and Gaines, gave an elegant dinner on the Saturday evening of the drill to the officers of Company B, High School Cadets, in honor of their victory in the annual drill contest. Those present were: Captain Chester H. Jarvis, Lieutenants W. E. Lewis and Eugene Clark; Sergeants Hugh Francis, Harry Tignor, Thomas Johnson, Richard Crier and Bernard Key. Special guests of honor were Judge R. H. Terrell, Dr. W. Bruce Evans and Major Arthur Brooks. Frank Gaines, a son of the junior member of the firm, a private in Company B, was present. The blue and red colors of the company were attractively displayed.

We Were Incorrectly Informed.

Editor Colored American—I noticed in your last issue that put credit to Mr. E. A. Johnson of North Carolina as having been appointed District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. I beg to correct you in this regard. Mr. Johnson was appointed clerk in the District Attorney's office four or five years ago, and holds that position today. Ex Congressman Harry Skinner, the populist democrat, was appointed District Attorney succeeding Claude M. Bernard, a life long

republican. The only change that Mr. Johnson has experienced, as I understand it, is that this populist democrat has so arranged his office as not to have Mr. Johnson work in the same room with him, as he did under the former District Attorney, I am anxious that Mr. Roosevelt should have credit for all that he does for our people, but I am quite sure that Mr. Johnson or any other of the race would not care to give credit where it was not properly due. I am sure that the error in your column was unintentional, and I make this statement because of the deep interest I have not only in my people, but in the affairs of North Carolina generally. With best wishes, I remain. Yours very truly.

GEORGE H. WHITE

The High School Idea.

Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, principal of the M Street High School read a scholarly and interesting paper Tuesday evening of last week before Bethel Literary and Historical Association on "The High School Idea."



Mrs. Anna J. Cooper.

It was a convincing plea for the cultural effects of the higher mental training and liberal educational advantages. She urged a deeper regard on the part of parents and school authorities for the welfare of children. Dr. H. L. Bailey, Prof. George William Cook, R. S. Smith, Kelly Miller, W. S. Montgomery and others took part in the discussion. Dr. William gave graphophone selections that pleased. Quite a number of teachers were present. This meeting closed Bethel's season.

Our Buffalo Budget.

Buffalo, N. Y., Special—Rev. J. A. Ayler has taken his two daughters to school in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Mrs. M. M. Day, formerly of 54 Union street is now comfortably located at 166 Clinton. Miss M. Young, who went to her home in Jamestown on account of the death of her brother, has been spending a few days with her brother in this city, before returning to New York to resume her duties. Among the many brilliant entertainments given this season was "The May Festival" for the benefit of St. Philip's church, Wednesday evening, May 14 h, at Turn Hall. A terpsichorean carnival and a literary and musical program was given under the management of Mrs. Andrew Stockton whose popular entertainments are always favorably remembered. Mrs. Stockton's school of dancers was seen in the latest minuets, Spanish dances, delectable and physical culture evolutions. The program was augmented by the appearance of the following artists: Mrs. F. G. Leggett,

Mrs. A. A. Davis, Miss Elizabeth Marshall, Miss Grace Byrd, Miss Viola Lett, prima donna and mezzosoprano of Buffalo, and Miss Lela Cooper, leading soprano of Syracuse, and other prominent local artists. Mrs. Minnie Reeves and Miss Louise Harris assisted Mrs. Stockton in the management. Mr. Wilson N. Fairbush was stage manager. The music was furnished by Schlageter's Orchestra.

Jane Mosley Secured.

The Freedman Transportation, Land and Improvement Company announces that the beautiful steamer "Jane Mosley" has been secured and is ready for service. Charters can be written for Glymont, where everything has been made new and inviting; Lower Cedar Point, Leonardtown and Norfolk. The company is made up of enterprising colored men and it is hoped that success will crown their efforts to give the race a new avenue for pleasure and at the same time pay dividends. The office is at 809 F street north west. Joseph N. Mayne is president of the company and W. L. Pollard is treasurer.

"Hiawatha" Postponed.

"Hiawatha" will not be rendered by our Choral Society this spring. The members of the chorus felt that they had not sufficiently mastered the fine points to enable them to do justice either to themselves or the composer. The wiser counsels prevailed and they decided to postpone until next season. The rehearsals will continue during this month. By next season the chorus will have the entire work thoroughly learned and will be able to render this magnificent composition with credit.

Our Boys Hustling.

Quite a number of bright boys are now handling The Colored American in many of the principal cities of the country. Many of them are doing remarkably well and are making from \$2 to \$4 a week. Parents who wish their boys to acquire some knowledge of business can do no better service than to have them sell The Colored American each week. It is a good seller and it will take a boy but a short while to work up a good route. If the boy goes to school he can take the after hours to canvass on his route and can deliver the paper on Saturday morning. We want a few more bright boys. Bring or send in your order at once.

To Teach in Africa.

Miss Ella Dowell, a graduate of Morgan College, Baltimore, has sailed for Liberia where she goes to engage in missionary work under Bishop Harzelt of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She will teach in the college of West Africa at Monrovia, of which Dr. A. P. Camphor is president.

A Colored Chief Justice.

Sir William Conrad Reeves, who recently died, was Chief Justice of Barbadoes, West Indies. He graduated from Middle Temple, England, in 1853, returned to the West Indies, was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1883, in 1888 was appointed Chief Justice of Barbadoes, and in 1889 was knighted by one of the most honored orders of England.

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